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COOPERATIVE FARMING ORGANIZATIONS ENCOURAGED

AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION CRITICIZED -- Prague, Prace, 20 Dec 50

The URO (Central Trade Union Council) recently listened to the self-criticism offered by the SZZ (Union of Agricultural, Forestry, and Gardening Employees). On the basis of this and the ensuing discussion, it was agreed that the SZZ had not fully achieved the objectives assigned to it. The main task of the SZZ is to lend assistance to the state farms and tractor stations, so that they may become more productive and effective and demonstrate that socialism is capable of large-scale production. This organization must, among other things, bring outstanding examples of collective farming to the general attention of agricultural workers.

One such enterprise, for example, is the state farm at Jindrichuv Hradec, which by 28 September 1950 had fulfilled or exceeded its norms in both livestock and grain production. This was accomplished by using a well-elaborated plan and schedule, introducing new and better techniques, and unsparingly applying the principle of socialist competition. An example of the opposite is the state farm at Bilina, where the year's work plan was not discussed and studied by all workers, and although 80 percent of them has signed agreements little attention was paid to either the plan and the agreements.

The rapid growth of tractor stations has also created problems and difficulties. The personnel employed there consists largely of young people from the villages, badly in need of political and technical training. It is the duty of the SZZ to provide part of this essential preparation. However, the SZZ did not fulfill this mission satisfactorily.

To date, only 85 forest enterprises have accepted the SKP (State Labor Catalogue).

The SZZ is expected to make efforts to correct and improve these shortcomings and inadequacies. It must improve its coordination with the central organs of the state enterprises, and must act in an advisory capacity with the workers' councils, especially in elaborating work plans. It ought to utilize the winter months for instructional purposes, and at all times supply technical and political training. In its journal, also, the SZZ will pay particular attention to criticism and self-criticism.

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CREATE NEW ORGANIZATION FOR DAIRY AND FAT INDUSTRY -- Bratislava, Lud, 16 Jan 51

The government has created a Regional Management of Dairy and Fat Factories. This entity, with headquarters in Bratislava, will have Michal Horsky, chairman of the dairy section in the Cooperative for the Management of Agricultural Products, as its chief administrator.

The nine newly established national cooperative enterprises listed below will be under the jurisdiction of the new organization.

Bratislavske Mliekarne (Bratislava Dairies) in Bratislava
 Nitranske Mliekarne (Nitra Dairies) in Nitra
 Zilinske Mliekarne (Zilin Dairies) in Zilin
 Banskobystricke Mliekarne (Banska Bystrica Dairies) in Zvolen
 Kosicke Mliekarne (Kosice Dairies) in Kosice
 Presovske Mliekarne (Presov Dairies) in Presov
 Bratislavske Tukove Zavody (Bratislava Fat Factories) in Bratislava
 Palma, in Nove Mesto nad Vahom
 Polio, in Kosice

CONTROL SERVICE WATCHES INTERNAL TRADE -- Prague, Mlada Fronta, 19 Nov 50

The Hospodarska Kontrolni Sluzba (Economic Control Service) has the task of detecting dishonest business practices in Prague. During the first three quarters of 1950 it inspected 6,389 enterprises in the Socialist sector and 5,779 in the private sector, or 12,168 altogether. Of these, 2,506 were engaged in production and 9,662 in distribution. A spot check was also made of 812 different commodities. During the period mentioned, 1,640 fines were levied for different offenses. In a surprise inspection of 669 enterprises on 24 October it was found that 62 had faulty scales. It is apparent that cases of sabotage against the new socialist economy are all too numerous.

CZECHS DEVISE ECONOMIC CALENDAR -- Stockholm, Dagens Nyheter, 24 Dec 50

Prague, 23 December -- During 1951, the entire Czech economy and all state agencies will use a modified calendar, based on weeks rather than on months. It is felt that the new calendar will serve the interests of the planned economy.

The year 1951 is divided into four equal quarters of 91 days each. Thus, the year will have 364 days. The extra day will be 31 December.

There will be 12 months, designated 1-12. They are called "economic" months to differentiate them from the regular calendar months. They consist of 4 or 5 weeks of 7 days each. Every third month will have 5 weeks, and all months begin with Monday and end with Sunday.

The new "economic" months do not coincide with the old calendar months. For example, the sixth month of the new calendar takes in the last 4 days of May, the 30 days of June, and 1 July.

The Gregorian calendar will continue in use for other purposes.

MALEK NAMED TEXTILE INDUSTRY DIRECTOR -- Bratislava, Lud, 24 Jan 51

Alojz Malek has been appointed to succeed Dr Ivan Holem as director of the Czechoslovak textile industry.

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